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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of  
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For: INTERMEDIATE DEVICE WHICH CAN BE  
INTRODUCED AND REMOVED IN  
SEAMLESS WAY

Examiner: B. J. Rubin

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009, please consider the following remarks:

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